

Predicting deformation and cracking as a function of additive manufacturing process parameters

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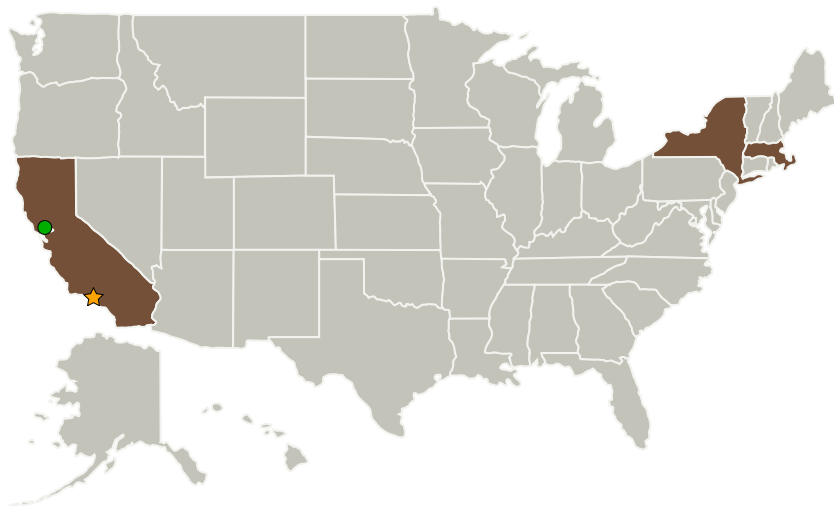
Project Introduction

Combine part-level FEM model of residual stresses with CALPHAD-based phase transformation model to predict deformation and cracking due to thermal stresses, as well as precipitation of brittle intermetallic compounds, during the AM building process. Predict part level deformation and cracking during the Additive Manufacturing process. Optimize process parameters of the additive manufacturing process to reduce deformation, cracking, and residual stress and to mature additive manufacturing for part-level flight design applications.

Anticipated Benefits

One of the challenges in additive manufacturing is that residual stresses induced during the build process can affect dimensional stability and, at the extreme, lead to fracture and failure. The ability to rapidly screen new designs for additive manufacturing, at the part-level, will dramatically accelerate the iterative design process for this technology, and may disrupt the trade space for existing technologies.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Type	Location
★ Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)	Lead Organization	NASA Center	Pasadena, California
● Ames Research Center (ARC)	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Moffett Field, California

Primary U.S. Work Locations

California	Massachusetts
New York	

Project Transitions

▶ **October 2018:** Project Start

✓ **September 2019:** Closed out

Closeout Summary: The goal of this work was to mature a fast part-level additive manufacturing process simulation for prediction of residual stress, deformation and fracture during a build. Fully-coupled additive manufacturing process models must consider microstructural effects, but part-level simulation of microscopic features is computationally infeasible. The technical approach was to use scale-bridging surrogate models, i.e. a multi-scale and parallel computing modeling method, for computational efficiency. A ~120x reduction of part-level simulation time at constant model fidelity was demonstrated.

Project Website:

https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/innovation_fund/index.html#.VC

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Center / Facility:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Responsible Program:

Center Innovation Fund: JPL CIF

Project Management

Program Director:

Michael R Lapointe

Program Manager:

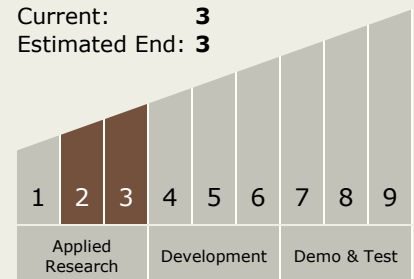
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Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: **2**
Current: **3**
Estimated End: **3**



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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX12 Materials, Structures, Mechanical Systems, and Manufacturing
 - └ TX12.1 Materials
 - └ TX12.1.2 Computational Materials

Target Destination

Earth